Central incentives to remove regional imbalances

5191. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission proposes to give incentives to States to remove regional imbalances; and

(b) the details of schemes/incentives proposed by the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The Planning and Development of an area and allocation of funds for this purpose is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, Planning Commission helps the States in overcoming the problems of regional imbalances through Special Area Programmes such as Hill Area Development Programme, Border Area Development Programme, etc. in addition to providing weightage for backwardness in the formula used for resource transfer which has been modified for the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Per Capita gross domestic product

5192. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise per capita domestic product both at constant prices and current prices since 1980 till tre current year; and

(b) the per capita GDP for the country as a whole for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The latest available estimates of per capita gross State Domestic Product for the years 1980-81 and onwards both at current and constant (1980-81) prices, as supplied by the respective State Directorates of Economics & Statistics, alongwith the estimates of per capita GDP for the country as a whole are given in annexure. [*See* Appendix *173, annexure no. 113)*

Indo-Japanese study committee meeting

5193. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the outcome of the 24th meeting of the Indo-Japanese Study Committee held in Delhi in April, 1994;

(b) whether the 25th Meeting scheduled to be held in Tokyo was held as scheduled;

(c) who led the Indian delegation to this 25th meeting; and

(d) what was the outcome of this 25th meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The India Japan Study Committee is a forum for discussion between India and Japan to provide news ideas and stimulus for strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries in the economic, cultural, scientific and technological fields. The discussions held during the 24th and 25th IJSC meetings have led to a greater understanding and cooperation between India and Japan.

(b) The 25th Joint Meeting of IJSC was held as scheduled in Tokyo.

(c) The Indian delegation for the 25th Joint Meeting was led by Shri Vasant Sathe, former Union Minister and Chairman of India Study Committee.

Scaling down the target of power generation

5194. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to scale down the Eighth Plan target of achieving 48,000 MW power capacity to 30,000 MW;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how will it affect the planned targets for industrial and agricultural production in the country;

(d) whether capacity addition through investment by foreign companies in the power sector, is not going to take place during the Eighth Plan period; and

(e) if so, what are the facts in this regard, and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) The target for capacity addition in power sector for Eighth Five Year Plan was fixed at 30538 MW.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The Eighth Plan target of 30538 MW included capacity addition of 2810 MW in private sector. No capacity addition through investment by foreign companies in the Power Sector envisaged at the time the Eighth Plan was finalised.

(The Deputy Chairman in the chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited, New Delhi and related papers

II. Notifications of the Bureau of Indian Standards

III. Notification of the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution

IV. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the National Co-operative Consumers' Federation of India Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

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THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act 1956:—

(i) Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7411/95]

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.